



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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The recent rainfalls have certainly been much appreciated but please keep in mind the weather conditions when driving.

Road conditions can change very quickly so do not drive through any swollen creek-beds or wash-a-ways. We do want all of our volunteers to arrive home safe and sound.

If you feel unsure please call Lyn or Ros for up to date information on road conditions.

Contract:- Council is still waiting to receive a formal contract from DCSI

Older Drivers

As people age they generally adapt well to any loss or reduction in sensory abilities, such as vision and hearing. However, increasing age may affect peoples' physical fragility, perception of and response to hazards and their ability to recover from injury.

The older we get the more likely we are to have health conditions or take medications that affect our safety as road users. Medications can change your perception of hazards, reaction time, judgement and decision making skills when in the road environment.

Older drivers are involved in a small number of crashes, however,

these crashes are of higher severity, probably because of the increased frailty of these people.

Older drivers have been shown to be more cautious and to exhibit less illegal and dangerous driving behaviour than other age groups, and there is evidence that older drivers self-regulate to avoid risky situations and times of day.

Common crash types for older drivers, are right turn crashes and crashes due to disobeying a traffic signal or sign.

The use of safer vehicles could provide benefits for older drivers particularly in providing increased protection when a crash occurs. Improvements to the road environment are also important, for example lower speed limits and controlled phases at traffic signals would prove beneficial for older drivers. (mylicence.sa.gov.au)



Petrol in Melrose

Volunteer drivers needing to get fuel in Melrose are able to do so at Store 54.



NPTN has an account with Store 54 but you must call the Office prior to purchasing the fuel for authorisation.

Unwelcome Pests

To all drivers can you please lift the bonnet and have a careful look over the motor before you start your day as mice have been nibbling at the wiring in the Peterborough Car. Thanks to Kelly's the problem was picked up and the issue has been resolved this time.

As most of the cars are parked in front of buildings not owned by NPTN it is hard to prevent this problem occurring, but vigilance is our only defence.



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“Volunteers don't get paid because their worthless, but because they're priceless.”

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Orroroo - 9am
17 June

Jamestown - 1pm
17 June

Quorn - 10.30am
27 June

Peterborough - 10:40am
17 June

Gladstone - 2:40pm
17 June

Melrose - 1.00pm
27 June



THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Queen Elizabeth II, is the Queen of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand and Head of the Commonwealth.

Celebrate The Queen's Birthday on the long weekend Monday 13 June.

Passenger Transport Regulations

Under Schedule 8 of the Passenger Transport Regulations a general passenger service driver will:

- Treat customers with politeness, helpfulness and honesty.
- Observe the laws that relate to safe driving.
- Ensure that he or she does not have any concentration of

alcohol in his or her blood while driving, and observe the laws that relate to driving under the influence of drugs.

Drive defensively in the interests of general public safety.

Be sensibly and safely dressed when dealing with customers, in a manner that will enhance the image of the passenger transport industry.

Have regard to existing laws about not discriminating against a person because of a person's sex, race, disability, age, marital status, sexuality or pregnancy.

Be particularly sensitive to the needs of people with a disability. (VDAP manual)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th
for more information contact the Aged & Community Services Australia



Paul Roundhill

It was with great sadness, to hear the passing of Paul Roundhill from Peterborough who volunteered with NPTN for many years.

We extend our condolences to Paul's family and friends.

Did you know an estimated 6.1 million Aussie adults volunteer a total of 713 million hours each year. That's an amazing amount of good being done by people who just want to give back.

Everyone has the right to actively participate in and contribute to their community.

As a volunteer, you are contributing to the community but you can also benefit personally. Likely benefits include:

- increased personal satisfaction
- making friends and meeting new people
- learning new skills or maintaining existing ones
- gaining work experience and employment opportunities
- improved health and wellbeing.

FIGURES—APRIL

Trips:	41
Kilometres:	12,108
Hours:	257

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